

REMARKS

The office action of July 14, 2006, has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over the patent to Baranowski et al. in view of the patent application of Baranowski et al.

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Baranowski et al. in view of Baranowski et al., and further in view of the patent to Wingate.

Claims 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Baranowski et al. in view of Baranowski et al., and further in view of the patent to Adams.

In view of the Examiner's rejections of the claims, applicant has amended claims 1 and 3.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims presently on file differ essentially and in an unobvious, highly advantageous manner from the constructions disclosed in the references.

Turning now to the references and particularly to the patent to Baranowski et al., it can be seen that this patent discloses a method and apparatus for powering a wireless headset used with a personal electronic device. The powering is completely separate from the audio transfer. There is also no teaching of plug geometry.

The patent application of Baranowski et al. discloses integrated headphones for audio programming and wireless communications with a biased microphone boom. This reference provides no teaching concerning connection plugs and does not deal with the powering of the headphones.

The Examiner combined Baranowski et al. with Baranowski et al. in determining that claim 1 would be unpatentable over such a combination. Applicant respectfully submits that neither of these references, nor their combination, teach wireless headphones in which the charging electronics have a first contact within the connector socket and contacts the surface areas of the charge plug when the charge plug is inserted into the connector socket, and the audio electronics have a second contact within the connector socket and contacts the surface areas of a signal plug

when the signal plug is inserted into the connector socket, the signal plug being part of an electric connection with an audio device for the transfer of signals, wherein current is supplied from the power pack to the charging electronics via the first contact when the charge plug is inserted into the connector socket, and a stereo signal is transmitted from the audio device to at least the one miniature loudspeaker via the second contact when the signal plug is inserted into the connector socket, as in the presently claimed invention.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over a combination of the above-discussed references is overcome and should be withdrawn.

As for the other references which were cited in various combinations with the Baranowski et al. references in rejecting claims 2-4, these have also been considered. Applicant submits that none of these references add anything to the teachings of the Baranowski et al. references so as to arrive at the presently claimed invention.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted

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that the rejections of claims 2-4 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are overcome and should be withdrawn.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with this application may be charged to Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 11-1835.

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